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FISHERY UPDATE



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JUNEAU HERRING UPDATE #15

The department conducted an aerial survey of Seymour Canal, Tenakee Inlet, and Lynn Canal today. Survey conditions were good with light winds and overcast skies. In Seymour Canal, 168 sea lions and 3 whales were observed. The majority of predators were spread between Pt. Hugh and Twin Islands and appeared more active than in recent surveys. The greatest concentration of predators was in the Blackjack/Swimming Pool area. No herring or herring spawn was observed.

In Tenakee Inlet 32 sea lions and 5 whales were observed. The majority of predators were between Crab and Saltery Bays, with the whales observed well offshore. No herring or herring spawn was observed.

In Lynn Canal, approximately 1 nautical mile of discontinuous light herring spawn was observed along the shoreline south from Pt. Bridget, with two intense spot spawns active at the time of the survey. Significant schools of fish were observed in Bridget Cove, along the southern shore of Berners Bay east of Pt. Bridget, and along the eastern shoreline from Cascade Point to Sawmill Creek.

Fish and Game biologists will be basing operations aboard the *R/V Medeia* stationed in Seymour Canal to manage the gillnet sac roe fishery, and future fishery updates may not be posted and distributed in a timely manner until ADF&G staff return from the field.

2013 Seymour Canal Survey Summary

April 15	No herring activity, 60 sea lions.
April 17	No herring activity, 68 sea lions.
April 19	No herring activity, 63 sea lions, 1 whale.
April 21	No herring activity, 104 sea lions, 2 whales.
April 23	No herring activity, 67 sea lions, 1 whale.
April 25	No herring activity, 54 sea lions, 1 whale.
April 27	No herring activity, 93 sea lions, 6 whales.
April 29	No herring activity, 108 sea lions, 2 whales.
April 30	No herring activity, 77 sea lions, 5 whales.
May 2	One very small school of herring, no herring spawn, 147 sea lions, 3 whales.
May 3	No herring activity, 101 sea lions, 6 whales.
May 4	No herring activity, 47 sea lions, 4 whales.
May 5	One small school, no herring spawn, 112 sea lions, 5 whales.
May 6	No herring activity, 168 sea lions, 3 whales.

Juneau herring updates will be posted on the ADF&G web site listed below.

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